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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A ✓	US 2001/0055649 A1 (OGURE et al) 27 December 2001 (27.12.2001), para. 0192.	1,7-15,17-20,23,24,26-32
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